

## **Forward to the Executive Summary 2002-03 Annual Plan**

Leavenworth is one of the smallest entitlements, so our projects may not seem as ambitious as most entitlement cities, but we derive maximum benefit from CDBG through the partnerships described. Even most of our demolition work is performed in partnership with private property owners with exceptions, of course. We are not an entitlement community for HOME, ESG or HOPWA, so those activities do not show in the AAP. The executive summary is project oriented. The full text of the AAP includes our analysis of homeless and special need activities, affordable housing initiatives, lead-based paint compliance, anti poverty objectives, public housing coordination, and the analysis of impediments to fair housing choice, and other program specific requirements. Feel free to contact [John Krueger](#) if you need additional information.

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2002-03 Annual Plan  
\$458,000 Entitlement  
Community Development Block Grant Program  
Leavenworth, Kansas**

**Introduction:**

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the City of Leavenworth, KS requires a five year Consolidated Plan which comprehensively addresses two national objectives: Service to lower income households, and removal or prevention of blight and blighting influences from lower income neighborhoods. Each year, the city also prepares an Annual Action Plan which implements the five-year, general plan. This executive summary discloses the activities that will be performed during the period July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003.

**Projects:**

Major projects which are planned and will very likely be physically started in the next 12 month period include:

1. Conversion of the **Abernathy Warehouse** (formerly McCormack Payton Moving & Storage), 200 Seneca St. to 54 housing units for elderly or disabled persons. The property was acquired last year and site improvements will be made with current year funds.
2. Exterior **parking lot** and landscaping in the 200 block of Choctaw Street to support the new low income elderly Abernathy Lofts (**\$72,700**).
3. Site clearance to support the **3MC parkway** (**\$125,000**).
4. Construction of a major addition to the **Richard Allen Cultural Center**, 4<sup>th</sup> & Kiowa streets from current year funds.

**Continuum of Care:**

The following Social Service Agencies will provide the continuum of care to help Leavenworth's lower income families become self-sufficient. CDBG will provide rent and utility assistance to the property owners and utility providers on behalf of the agency (no funding will be provided directly to the agency for this purpose). Program requirements limit grants of this nature to 15% of the total entitlement, or **\$68,700**.

1. **St. Vincent's Clinic** provides health care to the city's uninsured working families at 422 Walnut St. \$18,000.
2. **SMC Outfront** provides basic adult education and specialized training for persons seeking the General Equivalency Diploma and specific work assignments at 111 Delaware St. \$12,500.
3. **AAFV** provides basic sheltering, intervention, crisis counseling and child care services to victims of domestic violence (location not disclosed). \$12,850.

4. **Catholic Community Service** provides housing counseling & referral services, first point of contact for homelessness, emergency vouchers for food, transportation and lodging and essential services to prevent homelessness at 716 N. 5<sup>th</sup> St. \$4,000.
5. **Youth Achievement Center**--Big Brothers/Sisters of Leavenworth County provides after school and summer youth programs ranging from workshops to tutoring and counseling services for at-risk youth through junior high age. YAC provides recreational activities for older youth. The joint use facility is located at 314 Delaware St. \$6,600
6. **American Red Cross** provides emergency utility payments for lower income families not covered by LIEP through the Kansas Gas Assistance Program and provides disaster relief and emergency assistance to non-insured persons experiencing loss of housing because of natural or other disaster. ARC offices are located at 525 Shawnee St. \$6,000.
7. An additional \$8,750 is available for emergencies or other services to lower income families.

The city uses its CDBG funds to aggressively pursue blighted property elimination. The total budget for **demolition** contract work is **\$100,000**.

Departmental **administration**, including a contract totaling \$20,000 with Catholic Community Service for housing counseling and referral services, will cost **\$91,600** which supports two salaries and operating expenses.

The full draft of the Annual Action Plan is on file in the Reference Section of the Leavenworth Public Library, 417 Spruce St. and at the Community Development Office in City Hall, 100 N. 5<sup>th</sup> St. CD staff may be reached for questions or comments at 680-2626.